



Quick Facts



Quick Facts and Numbers – Alberta

Demographics

- Population: 3,610,782 (Oct 1, 2008)
Canadian Population: 33.4 million
- Population Growth: 2.1% (July 2007 – July 2008)
Canadian Population Growth: 1.2%
- Median Age: 35.7 years (July 2008)
Canadian Median Age: 39.4 years
- Visible Minority Population: 13.9% (2006)
Canadian Minority Population: 16.2%
- Urbanized: 82.1% (2006)
Canadian Average: 80.2%

Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 and 2008

Key Economic Indicators

Year	2007	2008	% Change
GDP in Chained 2002 value (\$ Millions)	187,493		
GDP in Chained 2002 value - Canada (\$ Millions)	1,319,681		
Consumer Prices (2002=100)	117.9	121.6	3.1%
Consumer Prices – Canada (2002=100)	111.5	114.5	2.3%
Retail Sales (\$ Millions)	61,160	61,042	-0.2%
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.5%	3.6%	0.1%
Unemployment Rate – Canada (%)	6.0%	6.1%	0.1%
Employment (000s)	1,959	2,013	2.8%
Average Weekly Wages (\$)	835.52		
Average Weekly Wages – Canada (\$)	770.82		
Building Permits (\$ Millions)	15,730	13,141	-16.5%
Value of Shipments (\$ millions)	65,593	70,083	6.8%

Source: Statistics Canada (2007)

Top Five Exports by Industry (\$ millions)

	2008	2007-2008 % Change	Percent Share (2008)
Oil and Gas Extraction	76,876	44.1%	69.9%
Chemical Manufacturing	8,168	12.8%	7.4%
Crop Production	4,261	49.6%	3.9%
Machinery Manufacturing	3,910	26.6%	3.6%
Petroleum and Coal Products Manufacturing	3,442	20.1%	3.1%
Food Manufacturing	3,113	15.0%	2.8%
Primary Metal Manufacturing	1,822	-21.2%	1.7%
Paper Manufacturing	1,579	16.9%	1.4%
Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing	1,061	-24.5%	1.0%
Mining (except Oil and Gas)	950	83.8%	0.9%
Total – All Industries	109,919	32.8%	100.0%

Source: Industry Canada Trade Data Online